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Mr. Gary Wager, Executive Director
Dr. Denise M. Keele, President of the Board of Directors
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Dear Mr. Wager and Dr. Keele:

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 2015, to Governor Rick Snyder regarding the Allied Paper Superfund Site located in Kalamazoo. Governor Snyder has referred your letter to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for response.

We appreciate that the members of the Kalamazoo River Cleanup Coalition, as well as the larger community, have a strong interest in the remedial decision process affecting this site. We value your interest and long-term dedication to the Allied project, as well as to the Kalamazoo River watershed as a whole.


The state of Michigan is aware of the concerns of the residents. It is because of that community interest that the state of Michigan encouraged the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the city of Kalamazoo officials to engage in a dialog for the purpose of finding common ground, as solutions to such complex problems are best achieved through collaboration.

Many of your questions were discussed by state and federal representatives at the April 30, 2015, public meeting held in Kalamazoo. Additional opportunities for input will be scheduled for the community through the planning process in the near future. However, because the remedy for this site has not yet been selected, it is premature to attempt to respond to many of the questions posed in your letter.

The DEQ supports the selection of a remedy that protects both human health and the environment. Beyond this primary objective, we are committed to seeing this site returned to productive use for the city, with accessibility for the community, and part of a vital connection along the Portage Creek Corridor.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. If you have additional questions please contact Mr. Robert Wagner, Chief, Remediation and Redevelopment Division, at 517-284-5144; wagnerr1@michigan.gov; or DEQ, P.O. Box 30426, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7926; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,


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